TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SECOND COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION, 1101.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

Wednesday, the 21st April, 1926./9th Medam, 1101.

The Council met again in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, at Eleven thirty-nine of the Clock, the Deputy President presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12.*—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

The Variyur Salt Factory.

244. **MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*) : (*a*) With reference to the statement made by the Excise Commissioner (*vide* page 349 of Volume III of the Proceedings of the Second Session of the First Legislative Council under Demand III—Excise) to the effect that the Variyur Salt Factory is likely to yield something like Rs. 25,000 every year, will the Government be pleased to state the revenue derived from the factory during the years 1099 and 1100 respectively ?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state the expenditure incurred by them during 1099 and 1100 on the Variyur Factory ?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state the total amount of purchase money paid by them to the old licensees of the Variyur *attom* ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) 1099 Rs. 5,802
1100 Rs. 5,484

(*b*) Rs. 1,282 and Rs. 1,207 respectively.

(*c*) Rs. 2,521-Chs. 13-Cash 8.

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MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): The revenue derived from the Variyur Salt Factory for the years 1099 and 1100 is said to be Rs. 5,802 and Rs. 5,484 respectively. I should like to know whether this revenue was derived from the sale of salt on duty or from the recoveries.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I have no definite information on the point.

Elattoor-Achanputur Road.

245. **MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to direct the Public Works Department to take up the restoration of the Elattoor-Achanputur road this year at least, in view of the fact that it is unfit for traffic of any kind?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The work has already been taken in hand and is in progress.

Bridges over the Hanuman Nadi.

246. **MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to direct the construction of bridges over the Hanuman *nadi* at Aykudi and Samburvadakara in view of the fact that considerable difficulties are experienced by the people of these places for want of bridges?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A report has been called for from the Chief Engineer.

Roads in the Pattanapuram Taluk.

247. **MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to instruct the Public Works Department to take up the immediate construction of all new roads proposed to be opened in the Pattanapuram taluk?

(*b*) Will they be pleased to open roads in places that have no cart roads at present?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The interpellation is vague. If the roads required are specified, the necessary investigation will be ordered.

Means of Communication in Pattanapuram Taluk.

248. **MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): In view of the fact that many *pakuthies* in the Pattanapuram taluk are without roads, will the Government be pleased to instruct the Public Works Department to make a thorough survey of the taluk and open as many roads as will be necessary for providing proper communications from all the *pakuthies* to the headquarters of the taluk?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The construction of new roads will be considered if those required are specified.

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